

Village of Grantfork
June 2, 2025
Village Hall
Prepared by Sandy Nissen

Pledge of Allegiance

Present: Mayor Lucas Haller

Roll Call

Board Members Present:

Katie Scott, Carla Crawford, Wendy Reinacher-Heilig, Nancy Schoen, Ron Wildhaber

In Attendance: DeDe Lohman, Phil Decker, Brett Bruhn, Justin Rottmann, Sandy Nissen

Sign-In Guests: Kent Mettler, Steve Brendel, Jeanette Schuster.

Jeanette Schuster discussed monetary gifts to GAVC from the Brett Leathers estate/family and possible usages. Kent Mettler will not be joining the Grantfork board.

Previous Meeting Minutes

Was there an estimate for STP-S grant and a question whether Madison County matched the funds. TJ will put up lights at gazebo park if notified in time. There was a discussion regarding hiring an attorney. A concern was voiced regarding new board members not listed in the previous minutes. Ron Wildhaber motioned to approve the minutes with corrections. Carla Crawford seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of approving the previous meeting minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Brett Bruhn reviewed the monthly expenses. Reimbursement of ammunition with the grant will be 100 percent and 100 percent of police training will be paid.

Carla Crawford motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Katie seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of approving the treasurer's report.

Authorization of Bills

The Oswald property grass is currently an expense. As of last week, waiting on sheriff's sale. Carla Crawford made a motion to pay the bills. Nancy seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of paying the bills.

Brett Bruhn stated that CDs came due and were renewed. Ten thousand dollars was added to the police car. The certificate of deposit values are \$260,000. After this month, Bank of Hillsboro CD will be valued at \$25,000. Carla Crawford motioned to close the checking account and roll into a CD. Katie Scott seconded the motion.

Public Safety

Justin Rottmann discussed village code enforcement procedures. In the past, the mayor sent out a letter and the police officer would drop off the compliance letter. The relief center primary person is Katie Scott and the second person is Carla Crawford. Charlie Meier's office and an IDOT employee have been contacted regarding speed reduction on Illinois State Route 160 near Grantfork.

Public Works

Phil Decker stated that the rainy weather has decreased the village grass cutting. Carla Crawford has forwarded to Phil an EPA grant to improve water flow. There have been Locust Street sewer smell complaints.

Old Business

A discussion was held regarding hiring a new village attorney. The existing attorney will cover the village concerns until notified otherwise. The lawyer from Sandberg Phoenix and the lawyer from Miller King, LLC will be invited to speak at future village board meetings. Sydney Thole may be interested in a board member position. Sexual harassment training remains to be completed by a few village board members and employees. Whistleblower and security awareness training should be done in the near future. FOIA and OMA, open meetings act, training needs to be done. Theresa Levora, village clerk, has sent out an informational e-mail. This training is available online.

New Business

Mayor Lucas Haller applied for the grant through IDOT. Nancy Schoen requested an updated Village of Grantfork information sheet and phone list. Ron Wildhaber needs an ordinance book. Nancy Schoen made a motion to close the meeting. Carla Crawford seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

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